

Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee Minutes

October 31, 2019, 3:30
George Washington Hall

Committee members present:
Patricia Orozco (Chair)
Jason Robinson (Secretary)
Laura Wilson
Maysoon Al Sayed

Ex-officio:
Juliette Landphair, Vice President for Student Affairs

Introductions

Student Representatives for Committee - Faculty handbook suggests that two non-voting students should serve on board, nominated by the President of University. This is an issue that has been raised previously but has not been implemented in recent years due to complications with appointing/nominating students. There is considerable interest in making this happen this year amongst committee members. Members will contact individual students, nominate them, and the President will sign off on their selection. Patricia will also run by Cedric.

Balancing a part/full time job while attending the university Tim O'Donnell, the Associate Provost for Academic Engagement and Student Success and Wes Hillyard from Academic Services joined to discuss what changes faculty need to implement to accommodate students who have increasingly more responsibilities outside of their school work. There is no data on number of students who have jobs but as student populations become more diverse (online, returning, veteran), more students are working. There is a demand for more standardized evening classes to accommodate these students. A new working group has been formed to discuss and overhaul the way that student employment works at UMW. There is no interest among faculty in standardizing rules for working students absences. Academic Services helps advise and connect students with resources who need assistance with managing work/school balance.

Future Committee Topics

Is there any data on student attitudes toward diversity? - Diversity and Inclusion Climate Survey - What is a successful diverse classroom? Faculty members have attended trainings provided by the university but how do students at UMW feel? The committee would like to know what impact these trainings have had on students perception of the diverse classroom.

Juliette will also ask direct reports where they would like advice

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.